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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

The Honorable Sherman Adams
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Adams:

This is to acknowledge a list of names and certain allegations which your office received from the Hoover Commission and which you turned over to this Agency on 2 June 1955. (Tab A)

This list appears to be similar to a list of names received from Senator McCarthy on 17 March 1953 (Tab B), and a list received from the Clark Committee on 25 March 1955 (Tab C). Some of these names also appeared in a list received by this Agency from the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 13 May 1955 (page 3, paragraph h), which had in turn received the list from General Clark. The list of 2 June 1955 (Tab A) included, in part, definite allegations, and it is noted that the allegations concern security type information in five instances, allegations of "administrative conduct" in six instances, and eight names without any allegations or other descriptive data.

As I have advised you orally
~~It is felt that it is of importance that you be aware that~~
this Agency has made repeated attempts to obtain definite information *wherever*
~~concerning~~ allegations against our employees and ~~to demonstrate our ex-~~
~~pressed~~ desire to fully investigate and resolve any case in which the
security or integrity of an employee of this Agency is challenged.

The record in this regard is as follows:

a. On 17 March 1953 I received an informal list (Tab B) from Senator McCarthy. Six individuals named on this list were not employees of CIA.

Action taken: Security investigation and research revealed no substance to the allegations pertaining to employees of this Agency. Summary of the results of the investigation are attached as Tab D.

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f. On 21 March 1955, I wrote to Senator John L. McClellan calling his attention to my previous correspondence with Senator McCarthy, and requesting that any allegations concerning CIA contained in the files of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations be forwarded in order that appropriate investigation could be conducted. My letter of 21 March 1955 and Senator McClellan's reply thereto are attached as Tab H.

g. On 25 March 1955, I received a list of names from General Christiansen of the Clark Committee. This list did not contain any allegations. (Tab C)

Action taken: On 30 March 1955 General Christiansen was furnished by memorandum a summary of information from Agency files pertaining to the individuals named on the list. (Tab I)

h. On 12 May 1955, the Federal Bureau of Investigation received from General Clark a list of names with a request that an FBI investigation be made on each individual. A copy of this list was made available to this Agency.

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Action taken: This Agency ~~took immediate steps to fully cooperate with~~ the Federal Bureau of Investigation in whatever investigation the Bureau might conduct, even though no allegations were made to the FBI against the individuals named in this list. The FBI specifically requested General Clark to make available any allegations in order that the FBI might be justified in undertaking investigative action. Inasmuch as no such allegations were furnished, the Federal Bureau of Investigation informed General Clark of the technical difficulties involved, after which General Clark withdrew his request.

W. J. Adams

i. On 2 June 1955, ~~Governor Adams made available~~ the attached list (Tab A), ~~upon which this communication is predicated~~.

Attached hereto as Tab J is a summary of the current information in CIA files concerning each employee in the list of 2 June 1955 (Tab A). It will be noted that certain of these persons have never been employed by this Agency, and others so named have previously left our employment.

I am forwarding a copy of this entire memorandum to the Attorney General and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a request that LEGIB investigative action be taken in any case where the nature of the allegation

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warrants investigative action under the provisions of Executive Order 10450. The following employees are under current investigation by this Agency, and their cases are in process of being turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with investigative results of this Agency for whatever action is appropriate: [redacted]

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I will inform your office, the Attorney General, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the final results in each case where it has been determined that investigative and other procedures under Executive Order 10450 are deemed necessary. I also specifically invite that there be made available to this Agency any allegations or derogatory information on any employee of this Agency which may exist or which may come to your attention in the future. (man)

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Attachments:
Tabs A - J

cc: U. S. Attorney General
Director, FBI

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22 October 1953

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have recently read over the first printed volume of your hearings on "Security - Government Printing Office," and recall that at the time the hearings began, the press published several quotations to the effect that an alleged member of the Communist Party had access to secret data of the Central Intelligence Agency. Subsequently it was developed that this person was a Government Printing Office employee. In addition, the Deputy Public Printer, Mr. Cole, was quoted in the papers as stating to a reporter, in referring to the main GPO plant, that he could not say positively whether they handled CIA material, but that it was his belief that they could or would.

At the time these investigations were being conducted, I had a careful check made of our reproduction facilities and found that no classified CIA material is printed in the main GPO plant. The only CIA work which is handled there is routine unclassified matter such as blank forms. On 12 August Walter Fromheimer, our Legislative Counsel, informed Mr. Carr of your staff of these facts. Mr. Cole informs us that these facts are correct, and in addition that he has submitted a statement of these facts to your Committee.

The press reports mentioned in the first paragraph have received widespread circulation both in the United States and abroad, and have raised some questions as to our security. Under the circumstances, therefore, I would appreciate it if you would include this letter in the printed hearings so that the fact that CIA does not have classified material printed in the main GPO plant is made a matter of record.

It has occurred to me that in the course of your investigations you may possibly run across information concerning this Agency or its personnel. Naturally, I would appreciate it if you would make such information available to me so we can take a thorough look at such matters.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ Allen W. Dulles

Allen W. Dulles
Director

7 July 1954

The Honorable Joseph R. McCarthy
Chairman, Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations
Senate Committee on Government Operations
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator McCarthy:

During the closing days of the recently conducted hearings before the Permanent Subcommittee you made several references to alleged Communist infiltration of the Central Intelligence Agency. In reply to a similar charge made earlier in the Committee hearings I denied such infiltration.

In the event that you should have any evidence in support of these allegations, it would be of the utmost importance that I should have an immediate opportunity to investigate them. Accordingly I would appreciate it if you would let me have at the earliest possible moment any unfavorable information you may have bearing upon the loyalty or integrity of any employee of this Agency. Any such information will be immediately investigated and appropriate action taken.

I have noted that you have indicated that you are making available to General Clark your material on this subject. Consequently I am sending him a copy of this letter and asking that he kindly advise me if the information which he may receive from you is of a nature to require any investigation on my part.

I feel that any unfavorable information regarding any CIA employee would require any immediate action and should not necessarily await the report of the Task Force.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Allen D. Dulles
Director

15 January 1955

General Mark W. Clark
The Citadel
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear General Clark:

The Press reports today that Senator Joseph R. McCarthy states that he gave to you yesterday information on "alleged communism and corruption" in the Central Intelligence Agency.

Under date of 7 July 1954 I wrote Senator McCarthy as Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations referring to his allegations of Communist infiltration of the CIA and requesting that he make available to me any evidence he had in support of these allegations to permit an immediate investigation thereof. A copy of that letter was sent to you on 7 July 1954. I received no reply whatsoever from Senator McCarthy to this letter.

In the event that any of the information which Senator McCarthy now states he has turned over to you contains, as alleged, any indication of Communism or corruption in the CIA, I would investigate the matter immediately and thoroughly. Certainly such investigation should not repeat not await the report or findings of your committee some months hence. Action should be taken now.

Accordingly, I urgently request that you make available to me at the earliest possible moment any information in the material furnished you by Senator McCarthy which would permit an immediate and thorough investigation of the McCarthy charges.

Sincerely yours,

Allen D. Dulles
Director
(Central Intelligence Agency)

Jan 21 1955

The Honorable John L. McClellan
Chairman, Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations
Senate Committee on Government Operations
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I would like to call to your attention certain correspondence with Senator McCarthy as your predecessor as Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

During the hearings on security of the Government Printing Office, Senator McCarthy publicly stated that an alleged member of the Communist Party had access to secret data of the Central Intelligence Agency. By letter of 22 October 1953 I pointed out to Senator McCarthy that no CIA classified material is printed in the main GPO plant. Further, it was requested that information concerning this Agency or its personnel developed in the course of investigation be made available to me for thorough inspection. No reply was received to that communication.

During the closing days of the Army hearings, Senator McCarthy made several references to alleged Communist infiltration of the Central Intelligence Agency. On 7 July 1954 I wrote Senator McCarthy and requested that he make available to me at the earliest possible moment any unfavorable information bearing on the loyalty or integrity of any employee of CIA. Although Senator McCarthy had publicly stated that he was "disturbed beyond words" by the alleged success of Communists in penetrating the CIA, there was no reply to this communication.

Copies of the aforementioned letters are attached for your information.

According to press report of 15 January 1955, Senator McCarthy made available to General Mark W. Clark information on "alleged communism and corruption" in the Central Intelligence Agency. As you will note from the attached telegram of 15 January 1955, I advised General Clark that if any of the information which Senator McCarthy had turned over to him contains any "indication of communism or corruption in the CIA, I would investigate the matter immediately and thoroughly."

I would like to renew my request that the Committee kindly make available to me any information it may have in its files or which it may develop in future investigations which might reflect on the CIA or its personnel. I would desire to make a thorough investigation of any such information.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss with you personally any matters respecting the CIA which you feel might bear on the Committee's work, and I await word from you whether and when you consider such a conversation would be desirable.

Faithfully yours,

(signed)

Allen D. Dulles
Director

Enclosures:

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March 7, 1955

My dear Mr. Dulles:

Reference is made to your letter of January 21.

After hearing from you, I requested that the files of this Subcommittee contained the material on CIA be reviewed to determine the kind and type of derogatory information contained therein.

Unfortunately, it was found that those files were not in the file office of the Investigating Subcommittee, but were in the possession of the former Chairman, Senator McCarthy. Those files have been returned to the Subcommittee within the past week and I have instructed that they be reviewed. Upon the completion of this study, I shall again be in touch with you.

I regret the delay in answering your letter, but I am sure that you understand there are always certain delays when the Senate reorganizes.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. McClellan
Chairman

Honorable Allen D. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
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